

Seattle Bike Advisory Board

Northgate Bicycle & Pedestrian
Bridge Briefing

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Project Area Map



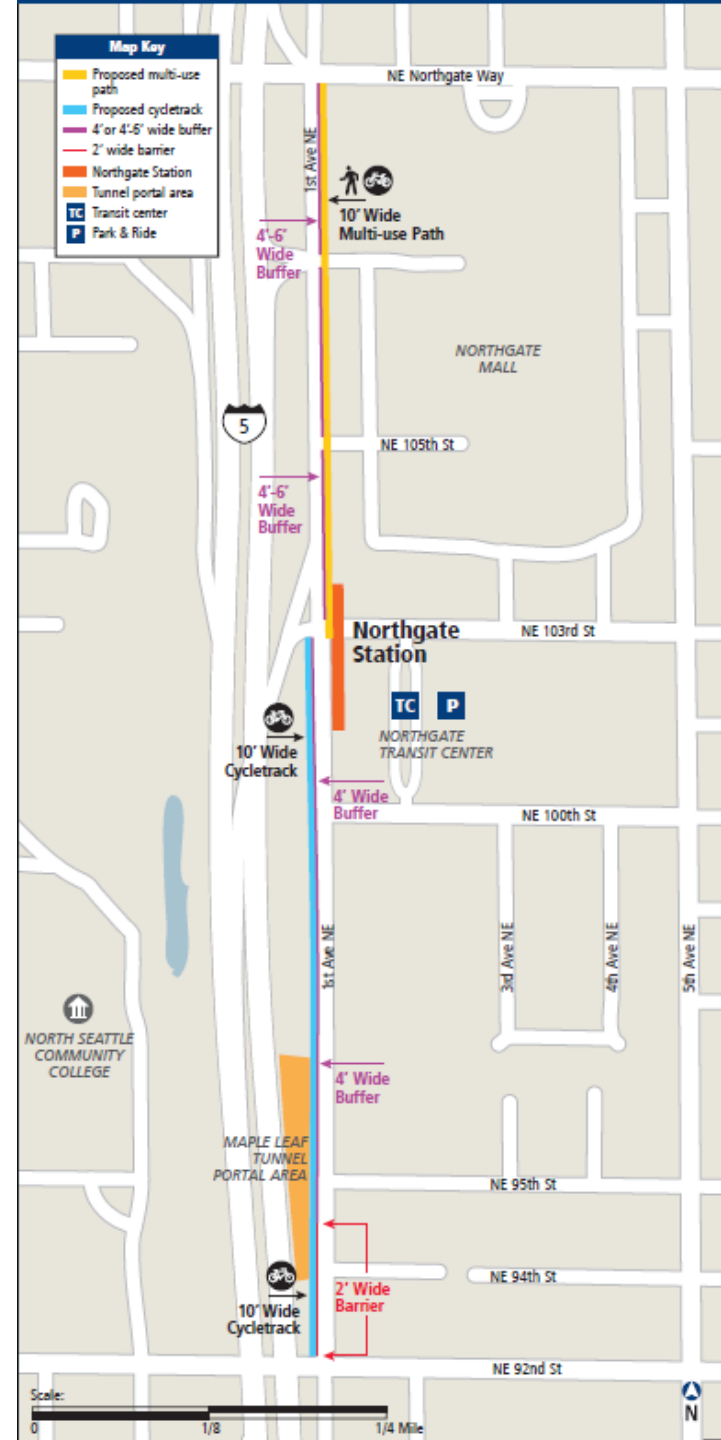
Project Need

- Northgate has major education facilities, employment centers and transit facilities, but is split E-W by I-5.
- Additional major transit investments are being developed on the east side of I-5.
- Making pedestrian and bicycle travel and connections across I-5 is important to create access for potential transit users and to reconnect this community.



Proposed Area Improvements

- Northgate Rail Station for North Link
 - Located on the east side of 1st Avenue NE straddling NE 103rd Street
- 1st Avenue NE Cycle Track
 - Located on the west side of 1st Avenue NE between 92nd and the Northgate Station
- 1st Avenue NE Multi-use Path
 - Located on the east side of 1st Avenue NE, between the Northgate Station and NE Northgate Way (NE 115th Street)
- NE 100th Street Greenway
 - Located between College Way North and Fremont Avenue North (to the west of North Seattle Community College)



Northgate Pedestrian Bridge Project Overview

- Currently in preliminary design and environmental review phase
- Bridge is planned to be in the vicinity of NE 100th and NE 103rd streets
- Overall length is estimated at 1000 to 1500 feet depending on the chosen alternative
- Exact location and touch down points of the bridge are being evaluated and designed
- Funding is provided by \$5 million contributions from SDOT and Sound Transit. An additional \$10 million is required fully fund the project.

Next Steps

- SDOT consultant team is performing an environmental and technical analysis
- Community briefings will be held throughout the spring
- Draft bridge alignments will be available for review in late spring
- Public Open House will be held in June
- Refined list of proposed alternatives will be available in the fall
- Alternatives Analysis report will be issued at the end of the year



Questions for SBAB

1. What lessons can we take from connections to other Light Rail Stations?
2. The crossing over I-5 will be about 40' above 1st Avenue NE. With a 5% grade, that means about 800' of ramp to reach grade from the bridge. Is an elevator a viable alternative?
3. Given what will be provided for by the Northgate Station, what – if any - additional bicycle facilities will be needed?
4. Who would you like to see involved in stakeholder meetings at key points in the design?